

## THE DAY BOOK

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**ARMY AND NAVY.**—Now that the supreme court has held the income tax to be constitutional the road to sane preparedness ought to be easy enough. Build a billion-dollar navy if the people want it, and make the rich pay for it. We would have plenty of revenue now for all government purposes if the income tax law we already have were enforced and the multi-millionaire taxdodgers were forced to pony up. And by increasing the sur-tax on incomes in excess of \$20,000 we could build a billion-dollar navy and not feel it. But the more navy we build the less army we will need. If the big navy is to be worth a darn it can keep hostile troops off our grass, and we won't need a big army to fight 'em.

That potential increase in the regular army isn't intended for foreign foes, anyhow. The real purpose is never advertised, because it wouldn't look well in print. That purpose is to have a big army of hired professional soldiers stationed near our big industrial centers to keep the working class in subjection and shoot them down if they strike for a living wage.

Instead of being an army to protect and preserve democracy, its purpose will be to prevent it.

And you know there are folks in this glorious land of the free and

home of the brave who hope that some day it will really become a democracy, where the people will rule themselves.

All right for a big navy if the folks want it and the rich pay for it, but nix on any big standing army.

**THE BOER AND INDIAN.**—England did the sensible thing, after vanquishing the Boers. She made them self-governing and placed the principal ex-Boer leader in command of the empire's own forces in South Africa.

The Boers, knowing their republics were gone, made the best of it. They accepted self-government and have acquitted themselves in a manner to win the respect of every other portion of the British empire.

The United States Indian service has duplicated England's Boer policy in the case of a young Ute, Tse-ne-Gat, or Everett Hatch, whose fight for freedom caused the Indian outbreak in southeast Utah a year ago. Tse-ne-Gat has been made an Indian policeman in the Ute reservation in southwest Colorado.

Here's to you, Tse-ne-Gat! May you be a credit to the uniform!

### SOFT SNAPS

